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Legislative Boilerplate Report
Section 732(4) of Public Act 345 of 2006

The Michigan Department of Transportation's (MDOT) Fiscal Year 2007 budget included legislative requirements regarding wheelchair lifts for transit agencies that received Fiscal Year 2007 local bus operating assistance from the Comprehensive Transportation Fund.

Section 732(4) of Public Act 345 of 2006 includes the following requirement:

- By April 1, 2007, MDOT is required to certify, in writing, to the Senate and House Appropriations Subcommittees on Transportation, Senate and House Fiscal Agencies, and the State Budget Director that the information provided by each transit agency on October 29, 2006, and on December 31, 2006, is accurate to the best of MDOT's knowledge.

The purpose of this report is to meet the April 1, 2007, certification requirement. Deadlines and actions that preceded this report included:

- Section 732(2) required each agency that receives Fiscal Year 2007 local bus operating assistance from the Comprehensive Transportation Fund to report the status of their lifts including the number and percentage of the fleet with operational lifts and the number and percentage of the fleet with operational lifts that are not in working order.

Status:

- All agencies reported the status of their lifts by the due date of October 29, 2006.
- The City of Niles was the only agency that reported an inoperable lift on October 29, 2006.
- Under Section 732(3), if an agency reported inoperable lifts on October 29, 2006, that agency was required to certify to MDOT by December 31, 2006, that the inoperable lifts were repaired or replaced and were operational.

Status:

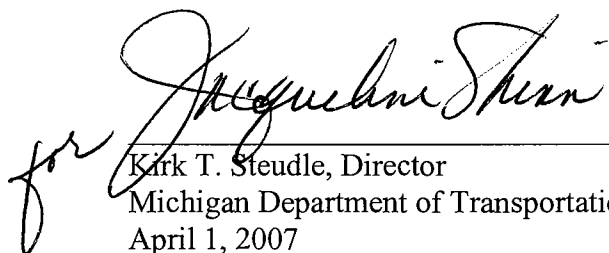
- Niles certified to MDOT by December 31, 2006, that the inoperable lift was either repaired or replaced and was now operational.

- Under Section 732(4), by April 1, 2007, MDOT is required to certify, in writing, to the Senate and House Appropriations Subcommittees on Transportation, Senate and House Fiscal Agencies, and the State Budget Director that the information provided by each transit agency on October 29, 2006, and on December 31, 2006, is accurate to the best of MDOT's knowledge.

To make the certification required under Section 732(4), MDOT did the following:

- MDOT developed a procedure to monitor the information provided by the transit agencies. Briefly, this procedure called for:
 - MDOT to determine an appropriate sample size of transit agencies to be tested (including the City of Niles).
 - MDOT to conduct a field test for each agency in sample.
 - For each field test, MDOT staff selected up to 20 percent of the agency's lift-equipped vehicles and observed operation of the lifts on all selected buses.
- MDOT completed the testing outlined in the procedure during the months of January and February 2007.
- Based on the testing, MDOT did not identify any circumstances that conflicted with the information submitted by the sampled transit agencies in October 2006 or December 2006.

Based on the results of the self-reporting by transit agencies and the testing conducted by MDOT, I certify that the information reported by the transit agencies on their October 29, 2006, report and the City of Niles' December 31, 2006, report is accurate to the best of my knowledge.


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April 1, 2007